

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
FIVE TOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 2, 2016
SENIOR CENTER, 25 COOK ROAD, SHEFFIELD
6:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Nadine A. Hawver, David A. Smith, Jr., Andrew G. Petersen – Sheffield
Steven Weisz, Scott Jenssen, Kenn Basler – Monterey
Charlie Ketchen – Alford
Tara White, Michele Shalaby – New Marlborough
Charlie Flynn - Egremont

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to Town Administrator

Members of the Public

Chairman Hawver called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. and thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman Hawver updated the boards on Sheffield's meeting with school officials on February 23, 2016.

Mr. Flynn asked each town to discuss how the proposed FY17 budget was effecting their town. Alford and Egremont each stated that the increased budget does not have a negative effect on their towns but they are both concerned with the increases and if the funds are being used efficiently. Sheffield, New Marlborough and Monterey expressed their concerns the funds being used efficiently, as well as being able to afford the increases.

Discussion ensued regarding all five towns voting against the school budget unless some answers can be provided by the District. Mr. Basler expressed his concerns with the assessment method.

Discussion ensued regarding the student to teacher ratio and the teachers to administrator ratio. Discussion continued regarding requesting a breakdown of all administrative staff including salary, roles and job descriptions.

Mr. Ketchen suggested asking the SBRSD Administrators to come to a Five Town Board meeting to answer some of the questions that the boards may have. It was the consensus of all to invite Superintendent Hastings and Business Administrator Turner to attend a meeting. Chairman Hawver offered to make the invitation.

Chairman Hawver adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:



Alicia Dulin
Assistant to the Town Administrator